



11595-8

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bernd Spaniol

Application No.: 10/759,692

Filing Date: January 16, 2004

Group Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: Zheng, Lois L.

For: OXYGEN-ENRICHED NIOBIUM WIRE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-2143.